10/18/69

Dear Hal,

Glad to get your letter of the 14th. From the top:

No word from Welsh and I expect none, for it could be a great burden for them, more than they can afford or more than they may think it worth. I'll keep ypu posted, if there is anything.

Jim's perplexity, if that is the word, came through when he phoned me. His prdducer told me he was going to spend the whole show with me. I'd asked so I could pace it. Suddenly, in the middle, it was all over. Jim apparently found some of what I'd said unpleasant because he'd gone whole hog. You may recall how unwelcome it and I were when I tried to tell it like it was and everyone now knows is. I'm disappointed Harv also hasn't answered. You know my fondness for both. If you speak to or see them, my sincere best, please.

Dekker: 360 17th, 94612. 452-2409. Also invited me to stay with him.

Brandon's story is the women are afraid, not him.

Doubt the Delgado angle is worth the time. We're past that now, and there is enough official confirmation.

That Burke, unless my failing memory tricks me, I'd forgotten about but have something on somewhere. I think it is Albert, with a "Dr." He is far right, a nut, or both. Spend no time on it/him. Also dated.

Agreed on Stan. Also fine fellow.

I have not seen the DVA film since I discovered it. Those I've turned this over to, including leads, have not seen fit to lend me copy. Penn, who owes me $150, refuses to pay with extra hrgs, copy film. But it is my recollection that there were two sequences outside the drive-through doors, both at least a little while after Ruby shot LHO. Now Ruby is said to have gotten to Decker's office before Oswald got to hospital. Which means he left pretty soon....The French on Howard sounds like undiluted Jones. Also identical. Your question about Hunter is legit, but remember he had been a Dallas reporter.

Thornley is a tricky guy. I am not confident he distinguishes between right and wrong, truth and fiction. Dave will ultimately be very much hurt by all of this, regardless of what does or doesn't happen to Thornley. KT tried to get a job with Butler as soon as JFK was killed. He tried it just a little too soon, for INCA was about done then. Thei misuse of the assassination gave them life. Which pretty well disproves KT's statement he didn't know LHO was in N.O. It was the debate that sent him to Butler. I have not checked my files. This is recollection (and don't s read it). Source: Butler. Another reason I wanted one of you to speak to Jeanne Hack.

I never conducted any investigation of Shaw per se; I'd heard of the Thornley landlord (at least one) who was Shaw's friend, and I had heard that KT had met him. I never checked it. I had other KT interests.

Bernie/Broshears. I wouldn't spend a minute on any of what either source (the other Johnson, now murdered) said. Neither is within any definition of credibility.

I have Nat Enq. 10/19. Also Saga. Been in touch Warren Smith, who

actual wrote the piece. It is Renfro Hays, no relative Hanes. Good piece, but if that is all they have after all that work, it is more than their understanding that is handicapped.

Lil is in last chapter retyping ms. Expect to take to NYC Thursday.

Been to Archives and have new sensations cannot go into this way. We are preparing to file suits.

I still have notes to COUP and addition to do. After that I plan to return to autopsy writings. Several interruptions in immediate future, tho.

COUP, complete text without appendix (which is big) will be not less than 500 pages, about 600 words per! I'll be sending Paul copy soon, before first. But is reading what is done to prepare himself for work in England, where he had to go. I'll give him balance next week and he'll send to Paul, as I had promised Paul. We will xerox, he says, but this may be too costly. I'll need zeroxes for copyrighting, but do not know how I'll get done now. Cannot pay.

Tired, gotta stop. Best to everyone,